REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 and 16 currently remain in the application. Claims 2 and 17 are canceled and claims 3, 5-15 and 18-20 are withdrawn.

Claims 2, 4 and 17 were found to be allowable in Paragraph 9 of the Official Letter provided that they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Instead, claims 1, 4 and 16 are herein amended for the convenience of prosecution to include the limitations in claims 2, 1 and 17, respectively. Thus, these three currently remaining claims are believed to be now allowable.

All remaining claims are either withdrawn to be eventually canceled or to be submitted in a divisional application, or herein canceled. Thus, rejection of these claims is now a moot point.

It is therefore believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant takes this opportunity to submit formal drawings to take the place of informal drawings earlier submitted for examination.

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